

Press release

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Handelsbanken completes purchase of Lokalkbanken

Handelsbanken is now completing the purchase of Lokalkbanken i Nordsjælland A/S.

This is after 97.7 percent of the shareholders in Lokalkbanken, at the end of the bid period, have accepted Handelsbanken's bid which was presented on 15 September.

"Thus we expect to complete the acquisition during October," says Ulf Riese, CFO of Handelsbanken.

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